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Honorable Valerie Caproni,
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square, Room 240
New York, NY 10007

BY ECF AND HAND DELIVERY

Re: *United States v. Sheldon Silver*, No. 15 Cr. 93 (VEC)

Dear Judge Caproni:

We write on behalf of Defendant Sheldon Silver to request oral argument in connection with Mr. Silver's motion to dismiss the indictment based on the prosecution's improper extrajudicial statements (Dkt. 12). Based on the submissions of the parties and *amici curiae* National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Mr. Silver believes that this motion raises important issues that merit argument before the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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